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REACTION TO CONJUGATED UNSATURATED GROUPS  
Jeffrey A. Hubbell et al.  
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In reply to the Office Communication mailed on June 15, 2006, Applicants submit the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Office Communication

The Office has asked that Applicants provide support for the amendments filed on April 6, 2006 and to explain why the amendments obviate the rejections of record.